



Instructions: Situation Report

The Situation Report (Sit. Rep.) provides Senior Management with high level information on developing, ongoing or concluded incidents or events of interest.

The Sit. Rep. should be:

- Short: one to two pages, written factually and impartially;
- Concise: use every word as efficiently as possible;
- Clear: keep it simple and to the point and include only what matters to the reader;
- Reliable: provide accurate information; point out missing information or questions about the information; and
- Readable: use plain language and white space, subheadings, lists and other means to make reading easier.

The following describes the sections of a Sit. Rep.:

- **Title:** A few key words that describe the issue succinctly.
- **Purpose:** In one sentence, explain why the Sit. Rep. is being written. Information only; action (decision or final approval required); or briefing for upcoming meeting: specify date, time, location and with whom.
- **Issue:** In one sentence, identify the issues. Clarify misinformation generated by media or others; provide update on emerging issues; provide update on individual or a group posing a threat; and/or explain the impact of legal (or policy) changes for the RCMP.
- **Background:** In 3 or 4 bullets, provide enough background or contextual information to give an understanding of the issue. What is relevance of issue to RCMP; what are the implications; what is history of the issue; and what is being said about the issue and by whom?
- **Current Status:** Advise of the most salient and recent information available. Highlight the current status and/or progress to date in order that action can be determined. Status and evolution of emerging issue to date; status of investigation; and stage or phase new legislation or policy is at.
- **Strategic Considerations** (if applicable): Factors that could affect our ability to respond to the issue.
Indicate sensitive or political elements to be considered; potential impact of the issues on the RCMP, our Minister, and/or the Government of Canada; inter-agency or interdepartmental issues to consider or cooperation, and specify significant obstacles or challenges that may hinder the RCMP's progress or handling of the issue; outline the potential outcome or risks if no action is taken; and indicate political statements (if any) made about this issue.
- **Strategic Communications** (if applicable): State internal and/or external communications considerations.
Indicate national/media/public/political implications and if the DG, Public Affairs has been advised; impact on employees or operations and has a communications strategist been advised; has a communications plan been developed for both internal and external audiences; and attach existing media lines which may have been prepared.
- **Recommendations / Strategic Advice** (if applicable): Identify follow-up actions or advice.
State strategic advice warranted on the issue; outline options; state critical dates and/or events of which Senior Management should be made aware; indicate who else should be notified of this information; and state areas that require further follow-up or research.
- **In Consultation with:** Identify groups or individuals consulted in preparation of this Sit. Rep. Indicate "Nil" if consultation was not required.
- **Prepared by:** Name and rank of writer.
- **Signature - Submitted by Name**
 - NHQ: Director General
 - Div.: Supervisor, Manager, NCO i/c or Director
- **Signature - Recommended by Name**
 - NHQ: Assistant Commissioner
 - Div.: Director, Director General or Deputy Criminal Operations Officer
- **Signature - Approved by Name**
 - NHQ: Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Criminal Operations Officer or Commanding Officer
- **Signature - Reviewed by Name**
 - NHQ: Senior Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Not Applicable or Commanding Officer



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File Number

K Division 2022-02-15 1300hrs UPDATE COVID 19-Trucker Convoy Blockade of Canada/USA Border

ISSUE:

- Truck Convoy/Blockade of Port of Entry (POE) at Coutts, Alberta.

BACKGROUND:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

Current Status as of 1300hrs on 2022-02-15:

- Negotiations last evening between CCMG, RCMP Legal Counsel and the counsel retained by the Smugglers protest group were successful, with organizers initially seeking immunity which was quickly denied.
- An agreement was reached that the vehicles would all be removed from the roadway and they would vacate the area by 09:00hrs today. As of this morning some were still present but were cleaning up the property to ensure no garbage was left behind.
- Tractors were allowed to be stored off roadway and police retained the keys as part of the verbal agreement, to be returned as tractor are departing the scene today.
- Roadway lanes opened last night through Coutts, US Border allowed roughly 100 vehicles Southbound from Checkpoint 10 and remains open.
- Current numbers of vehicles are indicative of vehicles leaving the protest area.
- As of 1300hrs the main site in Coutt's has cleared out of all vehicles.
- At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on Highway 4, numbers have dropped significantly, with the majority of vehicles and protesters packing up and leaving.
- At CP5 just east of the blockage, numbers have dwindled to 27 personal vehicles and 5 RV's.
- Sheriff resources continue to be engaged to ensure checkpoints north of the Carway and Del Bonita POE's are active while the ports are open with no protest activity to report.
- Efforts to dismantle CP10 will commence today, with the goal of voluntary compliance or moving any remaining protesters to the safe protest site in Milk River. Towing assets are staged in proximity to deal with any non-compliance.
- Tactical action on February 14th by the Alberta RCMP has resulted in the arrest and charging of 11 people.
- A plan is being developed for the allocation of resources moving forward.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- There is an MRO and Spokesperson on-site, providing updates to media.
- Media are updated primarily via phone / email or via in-person interview.
- Social media continues to be monitored.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- n/a

Signatures		
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